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GAU 1649 # 9
PATENT 10/15/99

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

CASE NO.: BB-1037-F

SAVERIO CARL FALCO et al.



APPLN. NO.: 09/049,304

GROUP ART UNIT: 1649

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EXAMINER: E. MCELWAIN

FOR: CHIMERIC GENES AND METHODS FOR INCREASING THE LYSINE AND THREONINE CONTENT OF THE SEEDS OF PLANTS

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Response

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999 requiring restriction of claims 1-20. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

Remarks

Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-15, for further prosecution in the instant application subject to Applicants' right to pursue the nonelected subject matter in a divisional application or applications pursuant to 35 USC §121.

Please charge any fees associate with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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